

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace/amend the paragraph between lines 25-30 of page 2 of the specification as follows:

To achieve the objective, rainwater is collected ~~form~~ from the roof surface of a building or a house through a gutter. A predetermined amount of initial precipitation is removed or thrown away, and the subsequent rainwater is treated (e.g., purified) and stored in a storage tank. The purification includes pH adjustment and sterilization of the rainwater. The stored rainwater is then taken by, for example, pumping for actual use.

Please replace/amend the paragraph between lines 6-13 of page 10 of the specification as follows:

In this manner, hydrogen peroxide is constantly supplied from the supply tank 51 to the primary reactive catalyst 52 under a pressure balance between the oxygen produced in the supply tank 51 and the oxygen generated from the primary reactive catalyst 52. The reaction rate, and the quantities and ~~percentages~~ percentages of the produced active oxygen species (e.g., hydroxyl radical ($\cdot\text{OH}^-$), superoxide anion radical ($\cdot\text{O}_2^-$), peroxide ($\cdot\text{O}_2^{2-}$)) are determined by the quantitative ratio of the hydrogen peroxide supplied to the sterilization tank 50 to the primary reactive catalyst 52, the concentration of the aqueous hydrogen peroxide, the water temperature, and other factors.

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Please replace/amend the paragraph between lines 5-8 of page 12 of the specification as follows:

When rainfall begins, the rainwater flows along the roof surface 2 and the ~~gutter3~~
gutter 3, and is collected in the container 10 placed under the eaves. The rainwater further
flown through the initial pipe 12 and is collected in the initial precipitation collection tank
20 through the switching valve 15 that is in the open state (step S1).